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Election of members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has received notification by a letter dated 19 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine that, according to the agreement among the members of the Group of Eastern European States to rotate their membership in the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law among themselves, Ukraine is relinquishing its seat in favour of Poland. The General Assembly will therefore be required at its current session to elect a member to fill the remainder of the term of office of Ukraine, which expires on the last day prior to the beginning of the forty-ninth session of the Commission in 2016.

2. Accordingly, the Secretary-General has the honour to request, pursuant to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of its sixty-eighth session, under agenda item 115, entitled "Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections", of an additional sub-item entitled "Election of members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law".

3. Owing to the nature of the sub-item, the Secretary-General further requests that the item be considered directly in plenary meeting.

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